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Re: Phillip 66 Rail Spur Project

Dear Mr. Wilson,

I would like to state my sincere concern regarding the proposed Phillips 66 Rail Spur Project currently open to public comment and review. As a teacher at Washington Manor Middle School in San Leandro (San Lorenzo Unified School District), I am a state-mandated disaster worker while on the job. I have not been trained, nor are the staff in my school district likely to be trained, nor is my school's Comprehensive Safety Plan written to deal with the dangers and health risks that would be experienced in the event of a local spill or disaster caused by a catastrophic incident on the Union Pacific Railroad lines that transect our community.

More than ten schools in the City of San Leandro, another ten schools in the City of San Lorenzo, numerous city and county parks, no less than seven freshwater creeks, tidal channels of the San Francisco Bay Estuary, and an ecologically sensitive wetland marsh restoration are within the one-mile U. S. Department of Transportation Potential Impact Zone in the case of an oil train derailment or fire. Lake Chabot, an emergency supply of fresh water for the City of San Leandro, is less than two miles from the Potential Impact Zone. Especially in this time of extreme drought, new threats to California's dwindling water reserves are unacceptable.

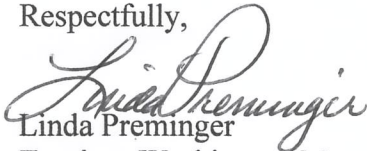
The rail lines in this community were designed to connect residents to their destinations throughout the Bay Area and the State of California, not to move large masses of hazardous materials like crude oil. The rail line infrastructure expected to carry 80-car trains from Richmond to San Luis Obispo is structurally incapable of handling the wear and tear the San Luis Obispo facility expansion would demand of it. As has been widely published in news reports across the country, the shipment of Canadian and Bakken oil by rail transport is extremely dangerous to populated areas, and is causing widespread transportation delays for other businesses and people that already rely on existing rail lines.

Further, the RDEIR did not evaluate the relative air quality or greenhouse gas emissions for the entire project area, which includes oil transport through San Leandro from Canada to the San

Luis Obispo County facility. Diesel emissions from operational activities of trains along the route would generate pollution that exceeds acceptable thresholds, increasing known risks in the form of cancer, heart disease, and respiratory disease, especially in children. There is already a high incidence of childhood asthma in San Leandro. The asthma hospitalization rate in Alameda County is twice the state average and is the third-highest in California. Therefore, this project would directly comprise the health and safety of our school community along the rail route in San Leandro.

For all of the above reasons, I urge the San Luis Obispo Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors to soundly reject approval of this project.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda Preminger".

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